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## State Board Appoints New President, Vice President Three new Board members attend first meeting

DES MOINES – At its meeting today in Des Moines, the State Board of Education elected Clear Lake resident Rosie Hussey as its president and Des Moines resident Charles C. Edwards, Jr. as vice president.

Hussey joined the State Board in 2004. She is a board member of the Central Gardens of North Iowa. She was born and educated in St. Louis.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve as president of the State Board of Education and I am a firm believer in service," Hussey said. "I believe in a quality education for all Iowans. With nine grandchildren, I know that education is a critical issue; it is their future. Now recently retired, I have more time and energy to devote to helping provide leadership for Iowa education."

Edwards joined the State Board in 2000. He is Dean of two colleges at Drake University: School of Journalism and Mass Communication and College of Business and Public Administration. He is a former publisher and president of the *Des Moines Register*. Edwards is a member of numerous boards, including the Gardner and Florence Call Cowles Foundation, Iowa College Foundation, and the Des Moines Art Center. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado.

In addition, three newly appointed State Board members attended their first meeting. The new members are Joan Jaimes of Marshalltown, Valorie Kruse of Sioux City and LaMetta Wynn of Clinton.

Joan Jaimes is a Spanish-language interpreter at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center and she is co-owner of an auto sales business. She was born and raised in Brownville, Texas, and moved to lowa in 1995. Jaimes earned a bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Buena Vista University and she is currently pursuing a master's degree in Human Services. In addition to her work, she has also served on the Community for School Improvement Committee with the Marshalltown School District. Jaimes and her husband, Eliesar, have two daughters, ages four and 10.

Valorie Kruse has worked as a long- and short-term substitute teacher in the Sergeant-Bluffs and Sioux City School Districts. She was born and raised in central lowa, lived in Davenport and then moved to Sioux City. She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary English with a minor in history from Morningside College. In addition to teaching, Valorie has served on many of the committees in the Sioux City School District, including the strategic planning committee and the district advisory board. She was a member of the Sioux City School Board for seven years, and served on many of the school board committees. Kruse also participated in the leadership training offered by the lowa Association of School Boards. In addition, Kruse has been active in many other community activities and boards. Kruse and her husband, Mark, have three grown children.

LaMetta Wynn has recently retired as the mayor of Clinton after serving in that position for the past 12 years. She was born in Galena, Illinois and has lived in Clinton since 1955. She received her diploma in nursing from St. Luke's Hospital and is a retired R.N. Prior to her service as mayor, Wynn spent 12 years on the Clinton Community School Board and also served on the Mount St. Clare College Board (now Ashford University). She will serve as the chair of the hospital board in Clinton next year. Wynn has ten children, nine daughters and one son, who have graduated from Clinton High School and gone on to several colleges in lowa and other states.

The new board members fill a vacancy and replace two long-serving board members, Gene Vincent and Mary Jean Montgomery, whose terms expired on April 30.

Vincent was first appointed to the Board in 1996 and served as president since 2002. In addition to his duties as president, Vincent represented the State Board on the State Fair Board, the Iowa Learning Technology Commission and on the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation.

Montgomery served on the State Board of Education since 1993, taking a short break to serve on the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Board. Through the years, she has been a strong advocate for quality teacher preparation, professional development and school leadership. Montgomery participated in many initiatives and committees including the Wallace Reader's Digest Grant and the Model Core Curriculum lead team. She also served as the State Board's representative on the Iowa Public Television Board.

Sr. Jude Fitzpatrick and Max Phillips, who have served on the Board since 2002 and 2005, respectively, and whose terms also expired on April 30, were recently reappointed.

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